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NEAR LOURMARIN, FRANCE.
So we're waiting for a *signal*?
Any moment now.
Operation Dragoon officially kicks off *tomorrow*, but taking out this supply line will be a good jump-start.
What *signal* we *looking* for?
Trust me... you'll *know* it when you *see* it.
Our friends tend towards the *dramatic*.

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AFGHANISTAN.
WHO'S THIS? ALL VEHICLES ARE ACCOUNTED FOR.
STAND DOWN. THIS IS THE SURPRISE I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT.
DON'T TELL ME. IT'S SANTA CLAUS, RIGHT?
YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN THAT GOOD THIS YEAR?
THIS AIN'T SANTA.
JUST ONE OF HIS ELVES.
US
WHA...? CAPTAIN AMERICA!
THE SAME. JUST BRINGING A LITTLE HOLIDAY CHEER TO YOU SOLDIERS.
IT'S AN HONOR, SIR.
LIKEWISE. I MEAN THAT.

ANYBODY WANT TO HOLD THIS FOR A BIT? I NEED MY HANDS FREE TO HELP UNLOAD.
UNLOAD?
THIS HERE IS MY PERSONAL PRESENT FOR YOUR BASE.
BRAND NEW. GOT SOME OF THE LATEST GADGETS. FIGURE EVERY BIT HELPS OUT HERE.
YOU'RE GIVING US THIS MRAP?
YEP. AND RIGHT NOW IT'S CHOCK FULL OF OTHER PRESENTS FROM STATESIDE. MAIL CALL. SOME CHOW YOU SOLDIERS PROBABLY HAVEN'T SEEN FOR A WHILE. A BUNCH OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS. SPORTS EQUIPMENT.
AND SOME OTHER THINGS THAT I'LL DENY I KNEW ABOUT.
SIR, YES SIR!
MY GRANDFATHER FOUGHT ALONGSIDE YOU IN WORLD WAR II, SIR. HE STILL TALKS ABOUT IT. NOW I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL HIM.
I'M NOT THE ORIGINAL CAPTAIN AMERICA.
I DID FIGHT IN THE BIG ONE, BUT BACK THEN I WAS KNOWN AS BUCKY. CAP'S PARTNER.
AND AS TO WHY I'M GIVING YOUR BASE THE MRAP... FIRST OF ALL, YOU DESERVE THE BEST EQUIPMENT.
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NEAR LOURMARIN, FRANCE.
"...I ACTUALLY OWE IT TO THE ARMED FORCES. FINALLY GETTING TO PAY A DEBT I'VE OWED SINCE WORLD WAR II."
Will the other Invaders be okay?
I mean... just two guys to take out an entire German supply line?
It's not just two guys...it's the Human Torch and the Sub-Mariner. They'll be fine.
But while they're doing their part, we have to concentrate on getting word to the French resistance fighters.
And helping civilians in this area to evacuate. Things are gonna get hot soon.
Some civilians won't be able to make it away in time. Nowhere to go.
That's another reason we're here. To protect them.
Map says it's less than two clicks along the road until--
Hold on. Something's--

KAA-BOOM!!
What--
Tank shell! Anyone hurt?!
Fine! But where's the--?
Bucky! We got us a Panther!
We taking it down?
I got nothing that'll punch through that shell. Had some in our jeep, but--
Yeah. They parked it in the junkyard!

SHRAK
SHRAK
SHRAK
PTTING
PTTING
Everyone into the woods! That tin bully can't follow us there!
PTTING
PTTING
KRAK KRAK
Everyone get clear! Get clear!
They're safe, Cap! Let's move out and--
Cap! Civilians!
They're pinned down!
Let's DIG THEM OUT of there!

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Any idea what we're doing here?
I'm open to suggestions!
For now I'm taking out this mini-gun!
KEE-RAWNGGG
Wouldn't happen to have any grenades, would you? Any hornet's nests? Rabid dogs? Angry mothers-in-laws?
Anything can stuff down that hole?
Told you--
In the jeep.
Keep an eye on that hatch! I'm going to block the tank's view-ports!
Give that French family a chance to--

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KRRUNNK!
Ugnnh!
Unnnn. Cap? Where--?
BUCKY! The tree!
SSSKUSSSHHHH
Ooff!
Keep MOVING, soldier! We need to--
Oh
I thought I feeling run-down today.

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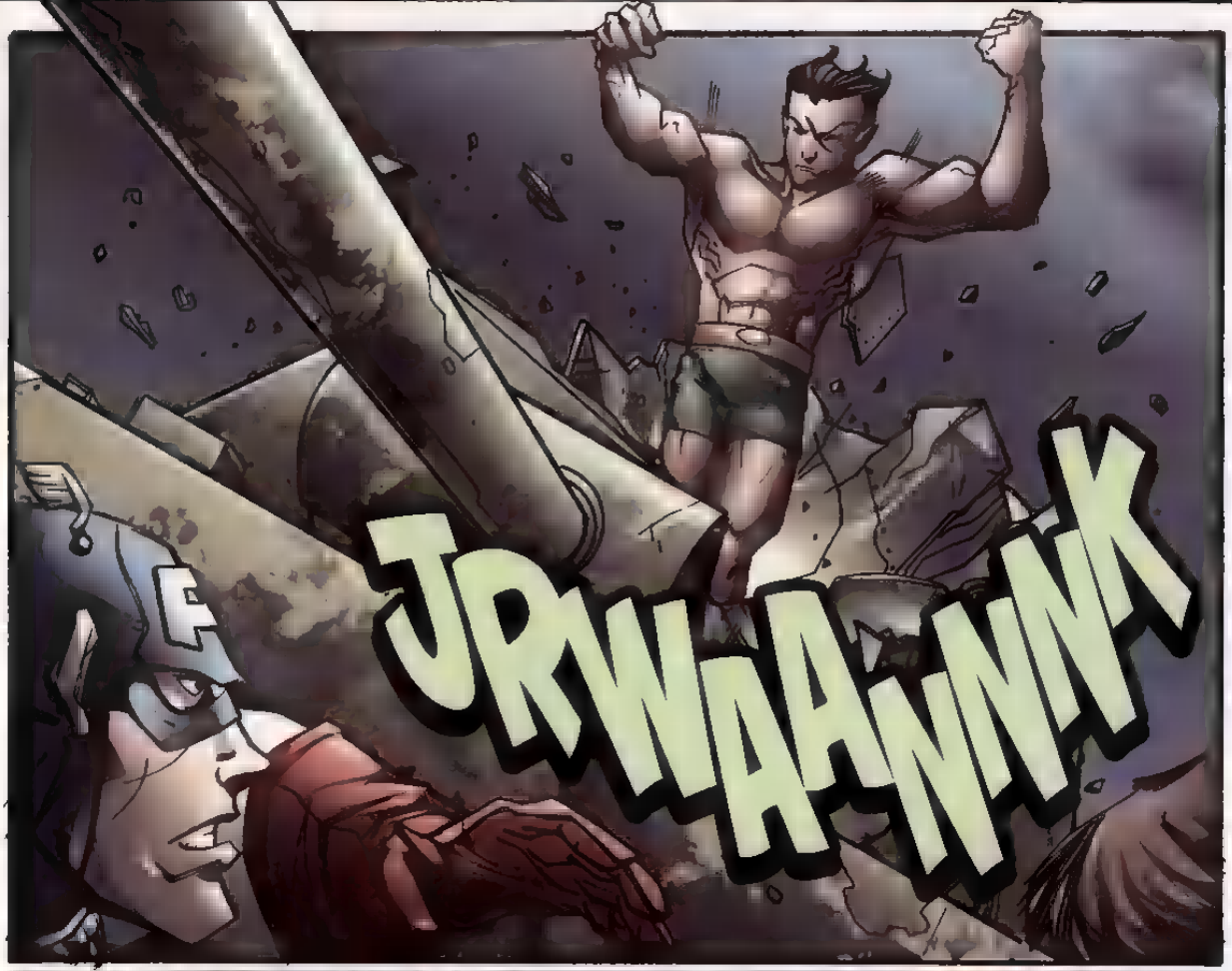
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Sub-Mariner!
Yee-
Hey... thanks for the--
Captain, our battle against the supply line is nearly complete.
They are as nothing before the might of the Prince of the Seas.

That tank sure wasn't! I appreciate the--
You should be aware that our enemy is fielding a new type of heavily augmented soldier.
Men?

Of a sort.
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SOUNDS LIKE YOU *LUCKED* OUT, SUB-MARINER COMING ■ LIKE THAT.
A LITTLE. YEAH.
■ ▮ WAS TRAINING WITH THE ORIGINAL CAPTAIN AMERICA. HE ALWAYS TOLD ■ TO LEARN TO DO AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ON MY OWN, AND *THEN* HAVE *FRIENDS* TO BACK ME UP.
TO BE *HONEST*, THOUGH, SOMETIMES HAVING THE *RULER OF AN UNDERSEA KINGDOM* FOR YOUR *BACKUP* CAN BE *IRRITATING*.
GUESS SO.
THEN AGAIN, LESTER HERE IS A *COMPLETE JERK*, AND *HE* CAN'T EVEN STOMP A TANK INTO THE GROUND.
YOU DON'T KNOW, MAN...I AIN'T NEVER *TRIED*.
THAT'S COMING FROM A MAN I'VE SEEN TAKE *THREE TRIES* TO STOMP A *COCKROACH*.
LET THE MAN GO ON WITH HIS STORY.
HMMM. WHERE WAS I?

"WHERE [redacted] WE?
"THE SUB-MARINER HAD GONE AHEAD TO CLEAR OUT A STRAY TANK DIVISION.
"HE'S NEVER [redacted] MUCH FOR CONVERSATION, BUT THE MAN CAN STACK TANKS LIKE PANCAKES.
"WE'D MET UP WITH MISS AMERICA AND A GROUP OF FRENCH RESISTANCE FIGHTERS.
"TOGETHER, [redacted] ESCORTING A GROWING GROUP OF REFUGEES. KEEPING THEM AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE."

"OUR PROGRESS WAS SLOWER THAN PLANNED FOR. THAT GERMAN TANK HAD TAKEN OUT OUR JEEPS AND OUR FIELD RADIO.
"WITHOUT THEM, WE WERE HAVING TROUBLE COORDINATING OUR MOVEMENTS.
"CAP KEPT HAVING TO RUN AHEAD, FIND OUR CONTACTS, ESTABLISH OUR LOCATION, THEN RUN BACK.
"SOMETIMES HE'D COME BACK WITH GERMAN RIFLES. WE WERE ABLE TO ARM SOME OF THE CIVILIANS, ADD TO OUR STRENGTH.
"BUT [redacted] WERE GOING TOO SLOW. THE RETREATING GERMAN ARMY WAS LIKELY TO OVERRUN US.
"WE NEEDED BETTER COMMUNICATION. SOME KIND OF TRANSPORT.

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"THEN WE RAN ACROSS AN ADVANCE SCOUTING UNIT FOR *OPERATION DRAGOON*...THE *LIBERATION* OF SOUTHERN FRANCE.
I'm going to need that jeep.
My jeep? I mean, *of course,* sir.
You... just... it's my *jeep.*
We been through a *bucket o' trouble,* together, sir. Been through *fights* and *scraps* and we...
...this one time we [redacted] in *Italy,* and there were these *girls,* and--
--son, if *Captain America* says he *needs* your jeep, then he *needs* your jeep.
You men *double up! Cheek to cheek,* boys! Like *sweethearts* on a *hayride!*
You'll take care of her, *right?* Bring her *back?*
It's a *promise.*
And, if anything *does* happen to it, I'll see that it's *replaced.*

UH-OH.
UH-OH?
CLUE IN, CHUMP.
BACK ■ THE BIG WAR, WHEN HE WAS BUCKY, THIS MAN HERE NABBED A JEEP AND PROMISED TO REPLACE IT IF ANYTHING BAD HAPPENED TO IT.
NOW, HERE HE IS, AS CAPTAIN AMERICA, AND HE'S BRINGING US A VEHICLE HE SAYS HE OWES THE ARMY.
SEGEL
CLARK
THAT THERE IS WHAT WE CALL OMINOUS. WE ALL BEEN FORE-SHADOWED.
SAY WHAT?
JUST LISTEN TO THE STORY. AND DON'T GET TOO ATTACHED TO THAT JEEP.
IT WAS REAL HANDY FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. WE WERE ABLE TO MEET OUR CONTACTS, ALIGN OUR ESCAPE ROUTES, TRANSPORT THOSE WHO COULDN'T WALK.
FOR ABOUT AN HOUR.
YEAH.

"THEN IT HAPPENED.
"THEY WERE ON US."
Cap! What are these?
They're whatever the Sub-Mariner warned us about!
Beyond that, and the fact that I don't like them, I'm not sure!
Keep at 'em! They gotta go down!
Geez!

KRAATHOOOOOM
Miss America! Get these people out of here!
These things won't stop! I'm not going to just leave you behind and--
You're not leaving us behind!
You're taking those people forward!

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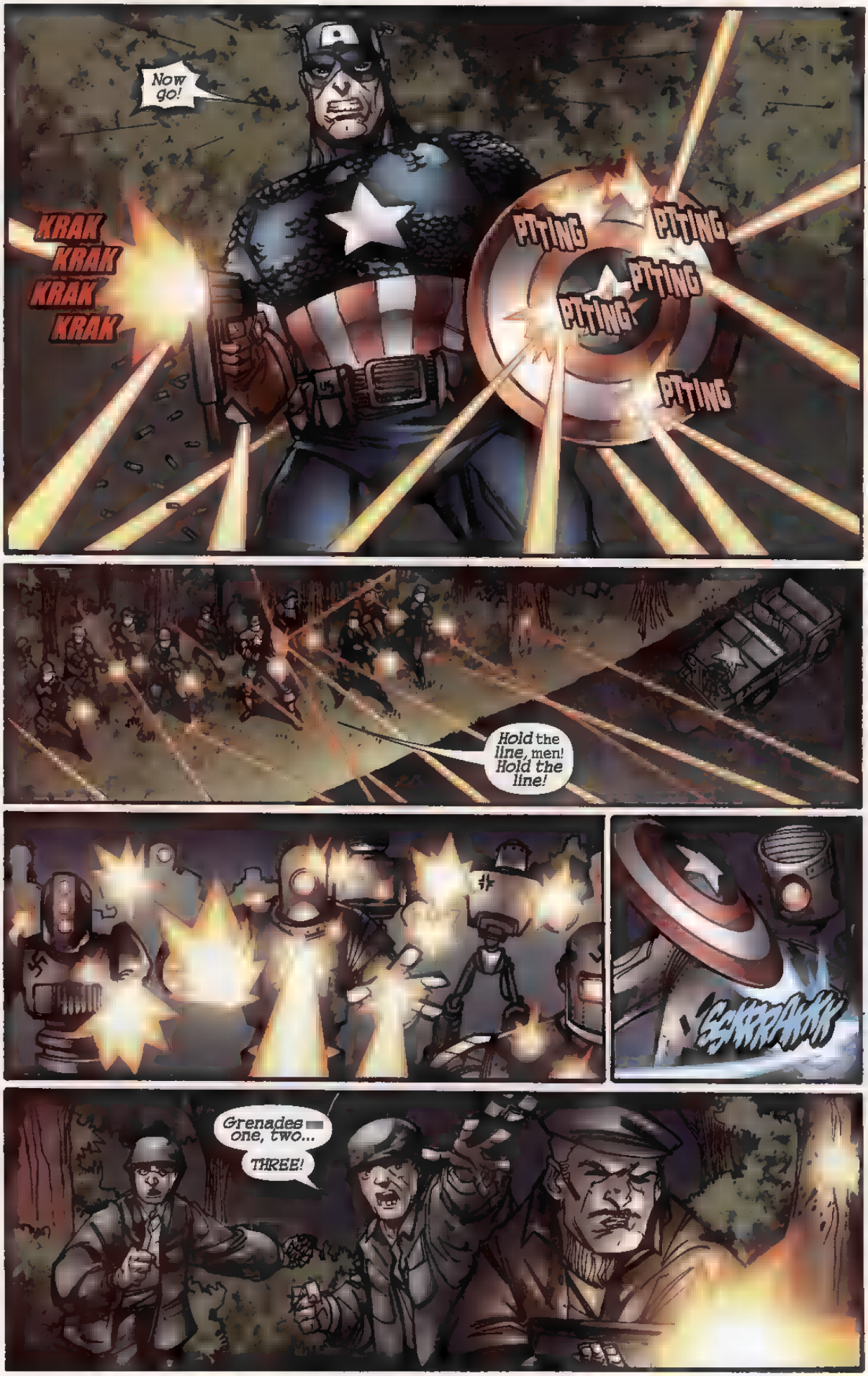
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Some fun, ehh Cap?
Stand fast, men! Give those civilians time!
Cap! In the sky? is that...?

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SO...HOW'D YOU BREAK THE NEWS TO THE GUY WHO GAVE YOU THE JEEP?
NEVER DID.
NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN. HAD TO LEAVE RIGHT AFTER GETTING THE CIVILIANS TO SAFETY.
THE *RED SKULL* WAS TRYING TO TRIGGER AN *UNDERSEA VOLCANO*. WOULD HAVE TAKEN OUT OUR BASE AT PEARL HARBOR. HAD TO STOP HIM.
SERIOUSLY? THE *RED SKULL*? A *VOLCANO*? FOR *REAL*?
TRUE STORY. I WAS ON A PLANE NOT FIVE HOURS AFTER THAT POOR FELLOW HANDED ME THE KEYS.
THOUGHT ABOUT WRITING HIM A LETTER. NEVER GOT AROUND TO IT. THEN I WAS IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION FOR A WHILE. IT ALL JUST SORT OF SLIPPED AWAY.
BUT I NEVER REALLY FORGOT ABOUT IT. AND THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT IN THE MRAP TODAY. A PROMISE DURING WARTIME IS *STILL* A PROMISE. *NO* EXCUSES.
TELL THAT TO *SIEGEL*. LAST NIGHT I WON *SEVENTEEN MILLION DOLLARS* OFF HIM AT FIVE-CARD DRAW.
SEVENTEEN MILLION DOLLARS?
IT'S *TRUE*. COURSE, *HE* STILL OWES ME A *DATE WITH A MERMAID*.
WE'LL CALL IT *EVEN*.

CAP...WE'RE GETTING A GAME TOGETHER. WE'D BE HONORED IF YOU'D PLAY.
COUNT ME IN.
HE'S ON MY TEAM.
NOT A CHANCE. FIRST HALF ON ONE TEAM. SECOND HALF ON THE OTHER.
SEE...THAT'S WHY YOU'RE OFFICER MATERIAL. YOU MAKE THOSE COOL DECISIONS.
HE'S ON MY TEAM FOR THE SECOND HALF.
MINE.
FLIP A COIN. I CALL HEADS.
NOPE. I CALL HEADS. AND I STILL WANT MY MERMAID.
THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN.
ONE THING, THOUGH, CAP. WE'RE ALL BIG BOYS, HERE. SO DON'T GO EASY ON US JUST BECAUSE WE DON'T WEAR COSTUMES OR RULE UNDERSEA KINGDOMS.
OH, DON'T WORRY. I WON'T BE GOING EASY ON YOU.
THAT'S A PROMISE.
...END

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